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SUBJ: MTN: PREPARATION FOR FALL MEETING ON CUSTOMS MATTERS

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1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FROM CCC LISTS OF CUSTOMS INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 REFTEL. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE GATT SEC EXPECTS TO RECEIVE BOTH THESE LISTS AND THE KYOTO CONVENTION, WHICH THEY ALSO AGREED TO CIRCULATE. THEY INTEND TO DISTRIBUTE THESE DOCUMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

2. IN REGARD TO EXCESS INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS (PARA 2 REFTEL), THE GATT SEC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ANY SUBMISSIONS TO DATE. WHEN QUERIED AS TO PROPER FORM OF SUBMISSIONS, KAUTZOR-SCHRODER (GATT SEC) SAID THAT THIS WAS PEROGATIVE OF PARTICIPANTS, BUT HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BOTH BY SUBJECT MATTER AND BY COUNTRY.

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3. BEGIN COMMENT. IN DECIDING HOW TO ORGANIZE OUR SUBMISSION, WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT WE WANT AS NEXT STEP. FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE WANT CONSULTATIONS ON INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS SIMILAR TO QR CONSULTATIONS, IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO HAVE OUR SUBMISSION ORGANIZED BY COUNTRY. ALTERNATIVELY, IF WE SEEK MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS TYPES OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS, IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO ORGANIZE SUBMISTTION BY INFORMATION TYPE. ORGANIZATION BY BOTH METHODS WOULD OF COURSE PROVIDE MOST FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE WORK BUT NOT NECESSARILY FACILITATE NEXT STEP. END COMMENT.MCNAMARA

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